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“Alphen aan de Rijn” has two Windmills. The one pictured above is called the “Ghost of a Woman Mill” (Vrouwgeestmolen). It is next to a canal called the “Heijmanswetering”. The above Windmill is used to pump water only. The second Windmill in Alphen aan de Rijn is called: “The Eendracht”. It is a Cornmill and is still working and is operated by volunteers. The City is called The Green Heart of Holland. Why? More information on the Windmills and “The Green Heart” on pages 22-23.

# Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Although all restrictions are lifted, Covid is still around. If you are even a little unwell, please stay home in order to protect your fellow Neerlandia Members.

Below are the **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and its Sub-Clubs for October, November and early December.

## November 2022

Saturday 5	<b><u>Car Rally</u></b> 11.30 am From the RDC Car Park. <b>See page 17 for more details.</b>
Sunday 6	<b><u>The Sunday Drive returns</u></b> 10.30 am <i>Doors open 10.00am for Coffee.</i> <b>More details on page 18.</b>
Sunday 27	<b><u>Christmas Lunch</u></b> Doors open 11.30am At the RDC. Lunch starts 12.30 <b>More details on page 14.</b>
Mon 7,14,21,28	<b><u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u></b> 9.30am
Wed 9, 23	<b><u>Wednesday Bingo</u></b> 11am
Thurs 3, 17	<b><u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u></b> 10am
Thurs 3,10,17,24	<b><u>Thursday Night Card Club</u></b> 7pm
Friday 25	<b><u>Maas &amp; Waal Borrel</u></b> 6.30 pm <i>At Windmills, Myaree.</i>

## December 2022

Sunday 4th	<b><u>Sunday Drive</u></b> 10.30 am <i>Doors open 10.00am for Coffee.</i> <b>More details on page 18.</b>
Thurs 1	<b><u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u></b> 10am <i>Break-up 1st.</i>
Wed 7	<b><u>Wednesday Bingo</u></b> 11am <i>Break-up 7th.</i>
Thurs 1, 8	<b><u>Thursday Night Card Club</u></b> 7pm <i>Break-up on the 8th.</i>
Mon 5, 12	<b><u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u></b> 9.30am <i>Break-up 12th.</i>

## Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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### **President's Report.**

A month has passed and so much has happened in that time. Our events continue to be a most enjoyable experience by our Members. Leiden's Ontzet was a truly memorable and funny event, which provided lots of laughs.

The Singalong on Saturday 15th October was a totally new event, but it proved to be another great success. See the full report in this magazine on page 4 & 5.

### **Memberships.**

At the last count, there were 32 non-financial 2022 Members. If you are one of them, please contact myself or Henry Koldenhoven, our Treasurer and bring your Membership up to date. Neerlandia exists through the support from its Members, and you all are a vital part of Neerlandia. We provide you with subsidised entry to numerous functions. The discounts provided, easily cover the investment you make by paying your annual subscription.

By the time you receive this Magazine, the Leeuwin 400 festival will have been completed on Saturday & Sunday 29th & 30th of October. This is an important milestone for WA as in March 1622, the VOC Ship "Leeuwin" (Lioness) charted the Southwest coast for the very first time. It was the first European contact with the Great South Land we know today as Australia.

The Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Australia, Mrs Marion Derckx will have laid a Commemorative plaque to mark this 400th anniversary. Do make sure that you participate in the Auto Puzzel Tocht (Car Rally) on

Saturday 5th November. It promises to be another fun filled event and a new experience for many. Some major prizes have been sponsored by your Neerlandia Committee. See the advertisement in this magazine on page 17.

The year has flown by so quickly, that we are almost back into the Christmas Festive period.

### **Christmas Lunch!**

Please familiarise yourself with this event on the 27th November. Last year we had a very large crowd, and it was enjoyed by all. This year there will be yet another fun activity as part of the day's proceedings and our raffle will hold a bumper number of prizes.

So, gather your family and friends together and make sure you book your ticket as soon as possible. It will be a fun filled afternoon. As always, your Committee is happy to receive any feedback. Happy to receive bouquets for things we do right and brickbats for those that fall below your expectations. We always welcome new ideas and suggestions. Only through your involvement can we grow and become an even better Neerlandia than what we have already become.

Please remain vigilant with your health. Covid is still in the Community and it is mutating all the time.

Respiratory illnesses can become serious infections, if not seen to early enough. I can speak of personal experience.

So take all necessary precautions, stay healthy and safe.

**Jan Zwartkruis,  
President.**

**NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE  
FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.**

**Anita Cavuoto  
Johan Kramer**



## If you can sing, Singalong

### If you can sing, Singalong!!

That was the theme for Saturday 15th October 2022, when about 50 Neerlandia Members, including some past Members of the Dutch Singers, who we hadn't seen for some time, came together to sing a variety of well known "Kinderliedjes" and Dutch songs.

The day presented an enormous challenge as the prepared material was wiped from the USB stick, by what is believed to have been a Software Update, but that did not go according to plan. This fact was unknown until Saturday, by which time there was little time to find an alternative solution. As the saying goes in show biz: "The Show Must Go On", which it did.

Prior to the Singalong commencing, guests were provided with a variety of tasty sandwiches together with a cup of tea or coffee, or a drink from the bar. During the consumption of the

lunch, the difficulties with the necessary technical issues were overcome and the show was ready to commence.

The Dutch Singers started proceedings by singing a number of patriotic Dutch Songs as well as some folk songs which told the story of a town, province, or life in general.

It isn't, until you hear these folk songs, that you appreciate how rich our heritage is and how very well moments in time have been captured in song.

There were surprise visits by Vader Abraham & his Smurfs.

They helped singing "Het Smurfenlied" which was a duet with the men asking the question and the women answering. This proved to be a lot of fun.

Then all the Kinderliedjes (Or Nursery Rhymes) were sung in quick succession. There was a short break before the final segment began. This segment had all the well known Dutch Songs such as "Tulpen uit Amsterdam", "Geef mij maar



**Father Abraham made an appearance.**



**Father Abraham brought his Smurfs along.**



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Amsterdam”, “Daar bij die Molen”, “Het Kleine Cafe aan de haven” and many more.

As the song “Ik zag een Muis” had been deleted and was unavailable to singalong to, Babette van Dijk spontaneously got up and told the story of how this mouse lived on the stairs, in a windmill, in old Amsterdam. This was later supported by Alida Reitzenstein & Matty Mentz when they sang the song as a Trio.

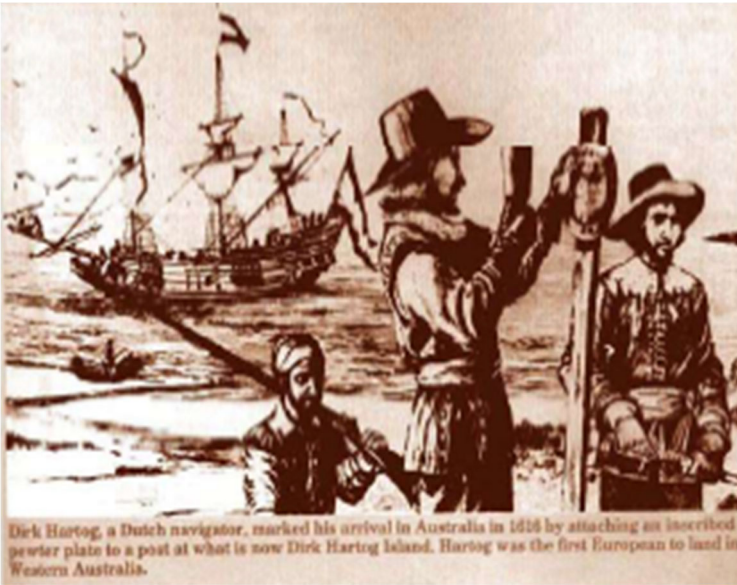
At the conclusion, afternoon snacks were served. These consisted of blocks of Cheese adorned with cocktail Onions or Gherkins and slices of Rookworst. So, a traditional Dutch afternoon. There were lots of prizes on offer in the Raffle. So much so that everyone received at least one prize and between 8 and 10 people received 2 prizes. All in all, the day was a great success, despite all the earlier frustrations with technology failures.

**Jan Zwartkruis.**



## A Lifetime Opportunity.

This may seem a well worn phrase but in this case it is true. It is aimed at bringing out the truth of Australian history and heritage.



Dirk Hartog, a Dutch navigator, marked his arrival in Australia in 1616 by attaching an inscribed pewter plate to a post at what is now Dirk Hartog Island. Hartog was the first European to land in Western Australia.

It has everything to do with growing as a nation, which is invariably associated with change in some established beliefs.

There is no question that The Great Southland was added to the world map in 1606 with Duyfken's recorded charting of Northern Queensland's coast.

There can be no question that Dirk Hartog landed on an island west of Shark Bay and left a pewter plate as evidence of his visit - in 1616. Then in 1697, Willem de Vlamingh added

his plate on the same post, acknowledging his predecessor and taking the original plate with him.

There is no doubt that by 1644, the North Coast, West Coast and part of the South Coast had been charted by the Dutch and then Abel Tasman did his bit and named van Diemensland (Tasmania).

And all this more than a century before James Cook made his landing in 1770. So where does that leave Captain Cook in all this?

In an excellent position for the great navigator he was, because no one can deprive him of the honour of discovering the East Coast and claiming it for the English Crown.

A note from his journal says it very clearly:

"[since I] may land no more upon this Eastern coast of New Holland, and on the Western side I can make no new discovery the honour of which belongs to the Dutch navigators and as such they may lay Claim to it as their property.

(Journal, 22 August 1770 p 387, n. 4 Bill Gammage - University of Adelaide, page 525)

In order to be a great navigator, one had to have integrity and like Joseph Banks, he fully recognised the preceding history.

Banks went as far as pre-facing his book with acknowledging the Dutch but he was persuaded by Robert Peel to remove that part of his preface.

If nothing else, this shows the contrast between the politician (Peel was the Under Secretary of the Colonies) - and Banks a scientist with integrity. Now there is an opportunity to merge the bits of history into one and claim it as OUR Australian history.

The first 154 years was a period that shipwreck survivors found themselves on



## Historical links between Australia and the Netherlands

what could be likened to a moonscape in modern times, without a return ticket. There is more than enough anecdotal evidence that these survivors received sustenance from the native population, who were nonplussed with these beings that came from the sea - and believed to be the spirits of ancestors - and nurtured as such.

Many of these survivors owed their lives to the native population - a race that lived in harmony with the land.

Unfortunately, the natives had no written history and it is therefore more difficult to retrieve historical fact in the conventional manner. But there is nothing wrong with 'anecdotal stories'. A mixture of oral and written history is quite unique.

The academics class this as circumstantial evidence and is therefore not conclusive. Poppycock, offenders in a court of law have ended up behind bars on less circumstantial evidence than we have about the VOC survivors mixing in with the native people.

Beyond "reasonable doubt" would be fairer in this case. We know they landed here without a means of returning home. We know that they stayed here for some time and it is more than likely that their stay produced offspring. We do not know what ultimately happened.

Only genetics can throw light on this that may ultimately prove whether or not there was mixed blood that came from one or more of the four ships; Batavia 1629, Vergulde Draeck 1656, Zuytdorp 1712 and Zeewijck 1727.

**Thomas Vanderveldt. (Copied from an ANSWA Publication.)**

### **Do you require Assistance?**

**If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, you may become bewildered by the many things you now need to do.**

Know, that amongst the Neerlandia Members, there are people, who have the expertise to assist you.

Please contact one of the Neerlandia Committee Members and they we will put you into contact with the people who can assist.

**The Neerlandia Committee.**





# Historical links between Australia and the Netherlands

## More examples of historical links of WA and the Netherlands.

Many now famous shipwrecks testify that Dutch Seafarers visited the West Coast of Australia during the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, at least 200 years before the British claimed Australia as its own territory. Australian modern history is more focused on what took place after Captain James Cook founded Botany Bay, which resulted in the colonisation of the East Coast of Australia, followed later on by South & Western Australia.

However, many references to places in Western Australia point back to the arrival of the Dutch during the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

The following location is just one of several, that link WA to the Netherlands.

That is **Cape Leeuwin**. It was Matthew Flinders, in 1801, who named this site as **Cape Leeuwin**. He did so in honour of the first known ship to have visited this area, which was the "Leeuwin" "Leeuwin" (Lioness), that in March 1622 charted this area. That is now 400 years ago. In 1627, "**t Gulden Zeepaert**", captained by Franquois Thijssen also came past this area.



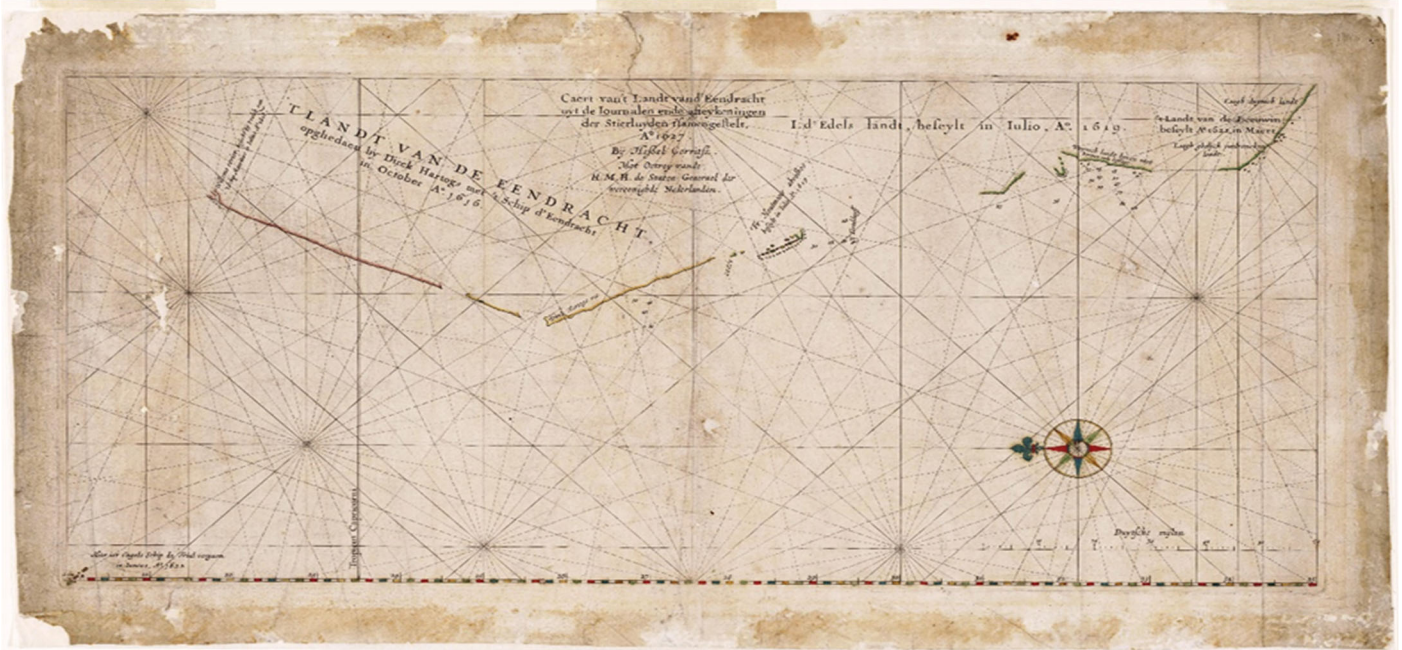
The logs of the Leeuwin were lost but this map was drawn up by Hessel Gerritsz in 1627. It is part of a larger map known as **Caert van't Landt van d'Eendracht** (Chart of the land of Eendracht). The above map shows the coast between present day **Hamelin Bay** and **D'Entrecasteaux**. Cape Leeuwin cannot be identified. However, it is proof that the Leeuwin had sailed past this point.



It is worthy to note that Western Australia was known as "**t Landt van de Eendracht**" for 28 years, from 1616 to 1644, when it changed to **Nouvelle Hollande** or **Nova Hollandia** (New Holland). The bigger chart shows the area where **Dirk Hartog** landed in 1616. It also shows the **Willem River**, visited by the crew of the ship **Mauritius** in July 1618. The Willem River is believed to be the **Ashburton River** as its geographical location is almost identical to the coordinates given by Hessel Gerritsz. [Note: To point to the North, you ought to turn the chart 90° to the right.](#) To the bottom left of this chart is recorded the sinking or disappearance in June 1622 of the English ship "Trial".



# Historical links between WA and the Netherlands



Just 261 km north of Perth lies the coastal town of **Leeman**. This place is also named after a Dutch seafarer. His name *was* **Abraham Leeman**, and he was aboard the ship "**Waeckende Boeyj**" (Watchful Buoy) and was shipwrecked at Fishermen Islands. He was the Upper Steersman and Navigator, and in search of survivors of the **Vergulde Draeck**, which went missing 2 years earlier. Of course, Rottnest Island was "**'t Eylandt 't Rottenest**" (Rats' Nest Island) when Willem de Vlamingh saw the Quokkas as big rats.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1697, De Vlamingh sailed up the Swan River and is believed to have been the first European to have done so. Because he encountered never before seen Black Swans, he named it "**Zwaanrivier**" or Swan River.

Hence, the places mentioned carry a 400 year old Dutch history that is not well understood by many West Australians. Nevertheless, it is testimony of that early link between our wonderful state and The Netherlands.

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**The Vlamingh at the mouth of the Swan River.  
(Notice the Black Swanson the water).**





## NEERLANDIA BINGO.

Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.

**Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: - self serve.**

**Lunch: - A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7:50**

**Next games are on: 9 & 23 November.**



**There were 34 Bingo Players on 14/09/2022**

We had 34 players attend the game on 14/09/2022 and as a result two of them played for free. They were Janice Rafaelle and Greta van Sant, well done to both of you; the Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to Ali Deurloo, well done; the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates were picked up by Nelly van der Heiden, well

done; the \$25.00 Bonus prize went to Ria Nissen, also well done. However the jackpot prize failed to go off within the required number of balls, so it will be increased for the next game.

There was a funny incident during one game when Henk was calling the last number of a set of five balls, he called 41 instead of 47, John pointed out the error which caused a slight upset, and would you believe it the very next ball out of the barrel was number 41, which led to a good old laugh all round. The day was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves with lots of laughs and friendly banter. Having more people play increases the number of free players and the prize money is higher as well



**There were 38 Bingo Players on the 28/09/2022**

We had 38 players attend on the 28/09/2022 with two new players, John Kramers, Jenny Geurts as well as a visitor from Sydney. We had two players playing for free they were **Ann Heistek and Henk Smit**, well done both of you; the Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Alie Deurlo** and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to **Henk Oorschot**. The full house + bonus prize in game 4, which amounted to \$48, was won by **Jo van Gentevoort**, well done; the straight full house was won by **Wilhelmina Keisler**, also well done. The jackpot prize failed to go off within the required number of balls (56) and therefore will jackpot for the next game.

There was an exciting moment in game five where three players were all waiting for one number, which was number 35, however it did not get drawn and two other players shared the prize. It was another successful day with laughs and friendly banter and having extra players also meant that the prizes were higher.

The more the merrier, so if you would like a good laugh and have a win, join us, we'd love to see you.

**Hosts: John Zwartkruis and Lou James. Enquiries: 0434 920 252 or 0427 018 777'**



# Bingo Club has lunch at the Pines Restaurant, Bentley

## Bingo Outing to The Pines Restaurant Bentley.



On Tuesday 4th October 2022, 44 Bingo players enjoyed a lunch at the Pines Restaurant. We assembled at the Rhein Donau Club, for a coffee and a Lamington, before boarding a bus that took us to Bentley TAFE. Once there, we were warmly received by the staff and the hospitality students.

The menu showed a three-course lunch with great variety of options and each one of us selected what appealed to us the most. Everyone complimented the Student Waiters and Chefs about the fabulous food we consumed.

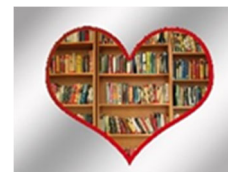
This lunch was made possible through sponsorship by Neerlandia. All Bingo players would like to thank the Committee of Neerlandia for extending their sponsorship, to allow us to enjoy this wonderful afternoon.

**Lou James.**





## De BoekHoek.



De laatste twee jaar is het bijna onmogelijk geweest om de Neerlandia “Mies” bibliotheek draaiend te houden. Maar nu wordt de bibliotheek in ere hersteld. Openingstijden zijn dezelfde als die van de Rhein Donau Club: <http://www.rheindonaclub.iinet.net.au/>

Zo wat nu? Neerlandia leden die graag Nederlands-talige boeken lezen, hebben toegang tot de bibliotheek en kunnen lenen wanneer zij dat willen. Het is een kwestie van op de lijst in de bibliotheek je naam, titel van het boek en je telefoon nummer te schrijven.

Omdat we in een tijd van “social media” leven, zijn er ook boeken te lenen/lezen via links; je hebt ook toegang tot luisterboeken. Als je hier informatie over wilt hebben, neem dan even contact op met Machiel (mvdstelt@gmail.com), de bibliothecaris van de Neerlandia “Mies” Bibliotheek.

We krijgen vaak vriendelijke verzoeken van mensen die boeken willen doneren.

In de huidige situatie is de ruimte beperkt voor extra boeken in de bibliotheek. Wij bevelen aan om de boeken aan een van de Op-Shops van de Save the Children Charity te doneren:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.au/our-stories/we-want-your-pre-loved-items>

We maken echter één uitzondering en accepteren wel goede boeken in goede staat voor kinderen en de jeugd; ook moderne (opgenomen in het Canon van Nederland) romans in goede staat zijn welkom.

Wij streven er naar om in elke aflevering van het Neerlandia Tijdschrift een review van een Nederlands talig boek te publiceren. Vorige maanden bespraken we Eline Vere, Wij slaven van Suriname, het jeugdboek voor alle leeftijden Kruistocht in Spijkerbroek. Tegenlicht werd besproken en ook de klassieker Het wassende water.

Heb jij onlangs een Nederlandstalig boek gelezen dat je met ons delen wilt? Laat het weten en wij publiceren jouw recensie.

### **Van de Koele Meren des Doods, door Frederik van Eeden.**

#### ***Bespreking:***

Hedwich is een gevoelig jong meisje dat met haar ouders, broers en zussen als een familie van goede afkomst afwisselend in de stad woont en met de zomer maanden in een zomerhuis aan het meer.

Hedwich gemoedstoestand wordt door haar gevoeligheid erg beïnvloed door haar omgeving. Bijvoorbeeld in de stad ziet ze alle vieze en onaardige details wat haar gemoedstoestands en ervaart ze dat als negatief. Ook kan ze de mooie zaken in het leven zien, wat haar dan tijdelijk blijdschap biedt. Zoals bijvoorbeeld bij hun buitenhuis in de natuur bij kan ze opleven door de mooie natuurlijke omgeving. Ook situaties hebben grote invloed op haar gemoedstoestand, zoals de situatie van haar leven in de stad, overlijden van familieleden en gedrag van mensen naar haar. Zij schakelt voortdurend tussen de twee extremen. Het zien van mooie zaken en lelijke zaken, maar ook eerst de mooie beoordeling van een situatie, die vervolgens een lelijke beoordeling krijgen van haar. Naarmate ze opgroeit hebben deze beoordelingen en keuzes grotere gevolgen voor haar. Het verhaal verloopt verder met vele tegenslagen, en weining leermoment, tot zij in het ziekenhuis in Parijs belandt.

#### ***Analyse:***

Hedwich is op zoek naar identiteit en wat haar rol is in de gemeenschap. Als de omgeving en/of haar erg tegenzit, zou ze liever een uitweg kiezen, wat zij denkt dat de dood is. Haar fascinatie voor de dood wordt hierdoor gewekt. (in de eerste zin van het boek wordt gesproken over Hedwich die de verlossing zoekt. In feite duidt deze zin aan wat haar doel is voor het verhaal.

Maar elk mens wordt blootgesteld aan voorspoed en tegenspoed, aan moois en lelijks, en aan leven en doods in zijn of haar leven. Elk persoon heeft de kans om de juiste balans te vinden tussen deze extremen. Als de juiste balans is gevonden, is een persoon in staat om oprechte levens besluiten te nemen welke levens geluk en -genot bieden. Als de juiste balans niet wordt gevonden kan dat leiden tot catastrofale en destructieve levenskeuzes. In de context van de periode dat dit verhaal was geschreven, kan de vrije keuze van de mens om om diens levensvreugde te bereiken, in een complex leven dat gevuld is met extremen,, als thema worden aangeduid.

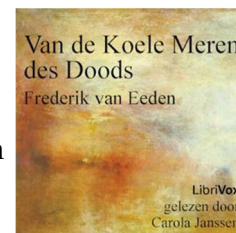
Wij horen graag wat je van het boek vindt. Beluister of lees het gratis via:

<https://librivox.org/van-de-koele-meren-des-doods-by-frederik-van-eeden/>

<https://www.dbnl.org/titels/titel.php?id=eede003vank01>

Bron: [www.librivox.org](http://www.librivox.org)

**Machiel van der Stelt & Lianna Parker.**





# Cooking Classes



Kerststaaf & Kerstkrans



Bitterkoekjes Pudding

Would you like to learn how to make these two traditional Dutch delicacies?  
A member of Neerlandia has offered to run a class for interested members to learn how to make these Christmas Treats.

Classes are limited to a maximum of 12. So be quick to book your spot.

Thursday 24 November 2022 – Kerststaaf or Kerstkrans

Thursday 8 December 2022 – Bitterkoekjes Pudding

Both events will be at the Rhein Donau Club's Kitchen.

To book, please contact Baukje Walkington at

[baukje.walkington@gmail.com](mailto:baukje.walkington@gmail.com) or 0452 432 012

You will receive a list of ingredients and tools to bring on the day.

**IMPORTANT: Non-Slip Shoes are compulsory.**

Your only investment is your time, ingredients, and necessary tools & equipment.

The resultant produce is for you to take home and enjoy with your family.

If demand exceeds expectations, additional classes will be scheduled including classes to make Kroketter & Bitterballen in the New Year.



# Upcoming Christmas Lunch—27 November



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Neerlandia members and their guests are cordially invited to join us for our Christmas Lunch.

SUNDAY 27 November 2022,  
In the Edelweiss Hall  
At the Rhein Donau Club Inc,  
110 North Lake Road, Myaree  
Lunch at 12:30 PM, doors open 11:30 AM

Members \$25.00 - Guests \$50.00

Includes one drink voucher

Free Kid's meal for kids aged 3 to 10 years old.

For tickets – Contact John Zwartkruis 0434 920 252 OR  
[terjohnz@gmail.com](mailto:terjohnz@gmail.com)

Remember the various fun and enjoyable events from earlier this year?  
This will be just as enjoyable.  
Your Committee is looking forward to seeing everyone there.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

#### Entrée

Prawn Cocktail with Thousand Island Sauce  
Alternating with  
Vol Au Vent filled with Chicken Mornay

#### Mains

A Slice of Succulent Roast Turkey &  
A Slice of Succulent Glazed Ham  
with cranberry sauce, potato gratin,  
Seasonal Vegetables & Home made Gravy

#### Dessert

Apple Strudel with Custard  
and Coffee or Tea



# Leiden's Ontzet Report

## Leiden's Ontzet 2022.

A small but happy crowd celebrated Leiden's Ontzet this year on Saturday 24th September at the Rhein Donau Club. The Dutch Singers sang 5 patriotic songs, which nearly everyone sang along with and at the end, we all stood and sang our National Anthem.

The Burgermeester van der Werff welcomed everyone and read a condensed, yet detailed account of the happenings between 1572 and 1574. The audience listened intently, and a few questions were raised privately with the Burgermeester afterwards.

Lunch was being served during this history reading and members were delighted receiving a crusty Bread Roll (Witte brood) together with butter and slices of Cumin Cheese (Leidse Kaas) followed by a bowl of Tomato soup.

This was followed by the traditional Hutspot. As "Zoute Haring" could not be obtained anywhere, we were served 2 meat balls. The taste was as good as the way Mum made it at home. After the main course came Apple Strudel with custard and cream. It was a nice way to round off our lunch.

In between the main course and dessert, our pianist, Eddy van Praag sat behind his



electric organ and played a few well known songs. When he played "Sirtaki" or Zorba the Greek, people got up on the dance floor and let it all "Hang out", so to speak. This was followed by another Greek Song "Never on a Sunday" and finally the "Beer Barrel Polka" to which the crowd formed into the Polonaise and went around the dance floor. Next came the judging of those who had come dressed in period costume. There was the Lady from Aristocracy together with her Maid Servant, there were two ladies who described themselves as "Mistresses" or



ladies of the Night, there was a Flower Lady, a mother with a baby in a pram and a travelling Monk giving absolution to those in need.

The poor single mother commented that she was still looking to find the father of her baby. This caused a raucous of laughter from everyone.

The judging was by way of showing of hands, which were scrutinised by Toon & Hannie Kamps. The eventual winners were Mother & Son, Babette, and Evert van Dijk. (Mother and Baby & the Travelling Monk). Both received a gift voucher which can be spent at several Coles & Myer related family of stores. Then came the customary Neerlandia Raffle. This time there were about 2 dozen small but likeable prizes of Dutch Products. Everyone who received a prize was extremely happy to go home with something they can enjoy at home.

This year's event was a roaring success. It is a pity not more people attended. They missed out on another cracker of an event.

**Jan Zwartkruis.**



## The Seniors' Club.

### The Seniors' Club News.

Our Neerlandia Seniors Club Members continue to enjoy the social interaction as well as the participation in the various games.

It is that one time in a fortnight, where we gather together and have fun playing our various games, share our experiences, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea as well as enjoy a two-course lunch.

The lunch is followed by our Raffle in which lots of edible goodies are made available as take home prizes.



Unfortunately, I became seriously ill for our meeting of the 6th October. I came to deliver what needed to be delivered but handed the day's proceedings over to the old master, Henk Oorschot. I was told that he relished the opportunity to step back in his old shoes. Thank you Henk. It is gratifying to know your help and assistance is always available in times of need.

I also asked Henk to organise the outing for the Seniors' Club.

This he accomplished with flying colours and through the sponsorship from Neerlandia, the Seniors Club will be heading off to the Amaze Adventure Park in Mandurah followed by a Lunch at the Ravenswood Hotel on Tuesday 15th November. Once again a big thank you to Henk for organising this on my behalf.

We are always ready to welcome new members into our club. If you like to play some games with other likeminded people, who share a common cultural heritage, why not contact John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or by email at [terjohnz@gmail.com](mailto:terjohnz@gmail.com) for further details. We look forward to making your acquaintance and welcoming you as part of our Neerlandia Seniors' Club.

**John Zwartkruis.**



Freda Hovingh celebrated her 85th Birthday by sharing a delicious cake.



A great variety of games are made available for those present.



# Car Rally—Saturday 5 November



## Auto Puzzel Tocht - Car Rally 2022

**We invite all Neerlandia members, friends and family, young and old to our 2022 Auto Puzzel Tocht - Car Rally**

Spend an afternoon with us going on a car adventure solving clues with family and friends and seeing some great sights of Perth

You may like to make a team by sharing your car with fellow members or family and friends. It would be handy if you prearrange this but you are welcome to make up a team on the day.



**Where :** Meet at the RDC carpark 110 North Lake Rd for your team registration pack. There will be a communal picnic at the final location of your Puzzel Tocht

**When:** **Saturday 5th November 2022**  
**Registration & collect starter pack from 11:30am**  
**Rally starts Midday with a picnic to follow**

### **Your team will need:**

1. A car
2. In every vehicle participating you will need one mobile phone with access to Google maps and a camera function (or a digital camera and a sat navigation device)
3. Please bring a share plate of sweet or savoury for the communal picnic and your picnic chair or rug

You will be provided with  
Instructions and clues, a pen, a bottle of water and at the conclusion a complimentary beverage at the picnic

There will be a **PRIZE** for the team who completes all challenges and has obtained the most points, as well as some **RUNNER UP PRIZES**

Expressions of interest for attending this event can be done by completing the registration page on our website [www.dutchclubwa.com](http://www.dutchclubwa.com) on Facebook Neerlandia Dutch Club WA or by emailing [mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com) **by Friday 28th of October**

Please indicate how many participants per vehicle and confirm your team will have access to a mobile phone, camera and navigation

**We look forward to seeing you for a fun afternoon on the 5th of November!**

# The Sunday Drives and Snooker Club



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL KLAVERJAS PLAYERS.

Due to popular demand and the gradual demise of Covid, we have decided to recommence the popular Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

**There will be two Drives played this year, the first one on Sunday the 6th of November and the second one on Sunday the 4th of December.**

**If the turn-up of players is as expected, the Sunday Drives will be continued after the upcoming holiday break on the 5th of February 2023.**

### The Neerlandia Snooker Club.

Presently we can only play on one Snooker table. The reason for this is that the second table in the RDC billiard room was damaged a while ago, when a hailstorm blocked the roof gutters and the result was extensive flooding.

Part of the ceiling of the upstairs ballroom came down and water leaked through to the billiard room ceiling and soaked one of the tables. Although covered by RDC insurance, it is taking a while before the dismantled table is repaired.

### ***Sponsored Lunch.***

The Snooker Players and their Spouses will enjoy a Lunch on the 8th of November.

This lunch will be sponsored by Neerlandia and will be held at the Mount Henry Tavern on Manning Road on Tuesday the 8th of November.

A full report of this event will be published in the December magazine.

**Pieter Leeftang, organizer.**

### **Sunday Klaverjas Drives.**

The Sunday Klaverjas Drives will start up again, with the first two tournaments of the year in November and December.

***The events will be held in the RDC in the Karl's Bar.***

***Doors will open at 10am, enough time to enjoy a Coffee & a treat, before the games start at 10.30.***

The recently renovated Karl's Bar is now a very cosy place. There will be prizes for the 3 highest scores.

Two cups of Coffee or tea and a tasty lunch are included in the admission price.

### **Costs:**

<b>Neerlandia Members:</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Guests, non-Members</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Non-playing attendants</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>



## News from the Card Club & Members Birthdays

### The Thursday Night Card Club.

The third competition of 2022 is about halfway.

At this stage, it is a tense battle between 3 players, but there is enough time left for others to overtake them, as we still have 5 weeks to play.

**Our break-up night will be on Thursday the 8th of December.**



**Jan Zwartkruis (left) with Henk Smit, Jan Kramer and Margaret Bosland.**

A very hearty welcome to a few new players: Emma Zwartkruis, Jan Kramer (pictured above) and Jenny Geurts (absent). You are all very, very welcome.

In addition to the above, we also welcomed back Joke Brussaard, after a 4 month holiday in the Netherlands. However, on the debit side we only have 4 Bolivia, (Jokeren) players left!!

Are you interested in playing Bolivia, you are more that welcome.

Contact: Toon Kamps. Tel:94572548

**Piet Leeftang, Organiser**



**From r.t.l.: Keith Vermeulen, Jo Smit, Freda Hovingh and Joke Brussaard.**

**The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of November 2022.**

**We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.**

Ans	van der Stroom
Robert	Wegman
Henny	Crijns
Arie	Vrolijk
Jos	Hazebroek
Jennifer	Reemeeyer
Daniel	van der Stelt
Helen	Halstead
Charlie	Karelse
Wilhelmina	Foeken
Mariette	Adolfs -

Tanneau	Smit
Henk	van Kampen
Frans	Parker
Lianna	Verheggen
Jeff	Segers
Piet	Bandura
Mirka	Joyce
Margaret	van Sant
Greta	Hollamby
Ann	Kazakoff
Larissa	Anderson
Jacqueline	Cavuto
Anita	

**If your birthday is not mentioned or you would like to change the details, that can be arranged. To make changes you need to send an E-mail to the editor:**

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### The new Convertible.

A man in his forties bought a new convertible car and was out on the highway for a nice evening drive.

The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair, and he decided to open her up.

As the needle jumped up to 100km, he suddenly saw flashing red and blue lights behind him.

"There's no way they can catch a convertible," he thought to himself and opened her up. The needle hit 110, then 130. Then the reality of the situation hit him.

"What in hell am I doing?" he thought and pulled over.

The cop came up to him, took his license without saying a word and examined it as well as the car.

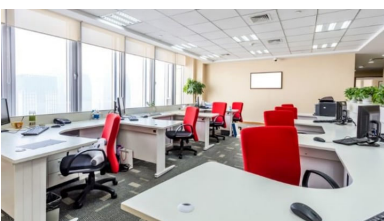
Then he said: "It's been a long day, this is the end of my shift, it's Friday the 13th, I am on my way home and I don't want to do any more paperwork.

If you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go."

The guy thinks for a second and says: "Last week my wife ran off with a cop. I was afraid you were trying to give her back."

The officer replied: "Watch your speed and have a nice weekend."

### The new CEO.



The new CEO of a company comes into work determined to turn things around.

He decides to prove his tough work ethic to his employees, when he sees a guy leaning against a wall, fiddling with his phone. "What do you think you're doing?" the CEO demands.

"Just killing time, while waiting to get paid," says the man, shrugging.

"How much do you make each week?"

"About \$400, I think," says the man.

The CEO pulls out his wallet and hands the man \$800.

"Here's two weeks. Now get out of here!"

The man takes the money and leaves.

The CEO then turns to his new employees.

"That's the way things are going to be from now on. What do you think of that?"

One employee puts his hand up: "Sir, I think he just got the largest tip he's ever seen for delivering a single pizza."

### A Woman sees her lawyer.



A woman goes to her lawyer and tells him she wants to divorce her husband.

"Okay," says the lawyer, "Do you have any grounds?"

"A few acres," says the woman. "But there's nothing valuable on it."

"That's not what I meant. Do you have a grudge?"

"Yes, that's where I park my car," says the woman.

The lawyer is annoyed, "Why do you want a divorce?!"

The woman shrugs: "We have trouble communicating."





### The Wedding Night.

On the night of their wedding, the groom took off his trousers and told his new bride to try them on.

"They don't fit," she said, as the trousers slide down to her ankles again.

"And never forget it," said the husband.

"In this relationship, I wear the pants."

The woman looked at him for a moment, then began to undress as he watched eagerly.

Finally, she threw him her panties.

"Put those on," she told him.

He looked at the skimpy piece of fabric and then at himself. "I'll never get into these."

"Exactly," said the wife. "And if you don't change your attitude, you never will!"

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### The Wedding.

A little girl was at a wedding with her parents.

Slightly confused, after the nuptials, she asked her mother **why the bride changed her mind.**

"What do you mean?" responded her mother, looking perplexed.

"Well," the little girl, with the kind of observational powers only a child can manage.

"She went down the aisle with one man and came back with another!"



### The secret to a happy marriage.



A Couple, who had been married for 70 years, were asked about the secret of such a long and apparently, happy marriage.

"It's really very simple," the woman explained. "Two nights a week we take time to go out to a restaurant. A quiet dinner, soft music,

some candlelight, a slow walk home."

After a slight pause she then added: "He goes with some friends on Tuesdays and I go with my girlfriends on Fridays".

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### The Doctor knows.

A man asks his doctor: "Doctor, what's the difference between friends and best friends?"

The doctor asks: "Why would you like to know?"

The man says: "I have no family and want to leave my fortune to my best friend when I pass away."

The man sighs and says: "But I just can't work out who to choose."

The doctor says: "I will tell you the difference. When you're in the hospital, a friends will ask: "How are you?"

"Your best friend will ask: "Hey mate, how is the nurse?"



# Alphen aan de Rijn - the green heart of Holland



**Flag & Coat of Arms.**

**Alphen aan den Rijn (Alphen on the Rhine)** is a City and Municipality in the Province of South Holland, about 10 km East of Leiden and has a population of 73,000. The City is situated on the banks of the river Oude Rijn (Old Rhine), where the river Gouwe branches off.

The City is located in what is called the 'Green Heart' of the Netherlands, which is a somewhat less densely populated area of the Randstad, with more greenery.

## History:



The area around Alphen aan den Rijn has been inhabited for 2000 years. In the Roman era, the Old Rhine was the main branch of the Rhine River and formed the North border of the Roman Empire. Since the rule of Emperor Claudius (41–54 AD), several divisions of the Roman army were stationed here. Consequently, several Roman fortifications were located along the Oude Rijn, including Castellum Albanianae in the center of Alphen.

## Damming the Old Rhine:

After recurring problems with flooding the Old Rhine was dammed near the town of Wijk bij Duurstede in 1122. The Old Rhine has not flooded since and the damming created a rustic waterway that began to attract boating and water sports and in our modern times Alphen has become a Tourist Haven.

## Present development:

In the 1950s, the City began to grow rapidly. A large new neighbourhood was built on the North side and Alphen became mostly a Commuter City. Since the 1990s, a similar new development was built at the City's South side. Many buildings from the 1950s and earlier have been demolished to make place for modern architecture.

## The Bicycle Appel:

The Appel is situated next to the Railway station and has parking for 1800 bicycles. It has two other bicycle parking facilities for almost 2,000 bicycles (1,300 are in a paid facility). So in total



**Rules are strictly enforced.**



**Any Bicycle not properly parked will be removed.**



**The Bicycle Appel next to train and bus station.**



# Alphen aan de Rijn - the green heart of Holland



**Redevelopment of Alphen aan de Rijn included tranquil waterways and Horeca outlets.**

almost 3,000 bicycles can be parked at the station.

## Windmill “The Eendracht”.

This windmill is a Cornmill called ”De Eendracht” and it is next to the Old Rhine. The upper part of the windmill was built in 1752 in Zaandam-East (North Holland). It was moved in 2 parts and restored in Alphen aan den Rijn in 1897 as a cornmill. It is still a working Mill and the townsfolk volunteer their time to keep this Windmill going.



**Windmill the Eendracht.**



## Museumpark - Archeon.

The Archeon in Alphen is a living history Museum. Discover here how people lived in the past, in Pre-history, in Roman times and in the Middle Ages.

You can participate in all kinds of activities yourself, such as sword fighting, calligraphy and archery!

Go on a journey, very far back in time to the camp of the hunters and gatherers, the first farmers, the Bronze Age and

the Iron Age.

**Activities:** Sail in a real log canoe, get your face painted like a real hunter, bake a prehistoric sandwich on a stick, drag a dolmen stone and learn how to make fire with a real flint.

## Tourism:



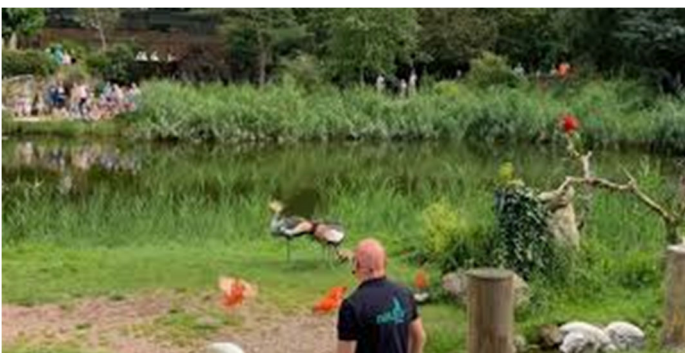
## Avifauna Bird Park:

This world famous Bird Park is not far from Alphen aan de Rijn and worth visiting. There are also motor boats, canoes and rowing boats for hire. The surrounding area has many walking and cycling pathways.



**Dolmen Stones.**

**Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.**



**Avifauna.**



**Colourful shopping Street.**



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Citroen jenever - \$60  
Citroen brandewijn - \$50  
Coebergh bessen likeur - \$40  
Oude jenever (traditional stone bottle)-\$70



## CODE WORD PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number. For these puzzles, **two or three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again. Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often than others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

### Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

**This puzzle was not a pushover at all and difficult to find the first word.**

But once the words: **Castaway, Assassin and Acronym** were found, the rest became much easier.

*The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:*

A=17; B=8; C=9; D=22; E=12;  
F=25; G=1; H=11; I=19; J=13;  
K=10; L=24; M=16; N=26; O=3;  
P=20; Q=18; R=6; S=15; T=7; U=5;  
V=14; W=2; X=4; Y=21; Z=23.

### Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

**This puzzle was another challenging one.**

Once the words: **Intrepid, Appendix and Ejection** were found, you were on your way.

*The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:*

A=11; B=12; C=10; D=7; E=15;  
F=22; G=17; H=9; I=14; J=24; K=5;  
L=8; M=1; N=25; O=20; P=13;  
Q=19; R=3; S=4; T=26; U=21; V=2;  
W=6; X=18; Y=16; Z=23.



# Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

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# Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page

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## Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

### Sudoku 978 Easy Puzzle

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### Sudoku 978 Moderate Puzzle

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Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often then others e.g. the letter X or Z.

To find the first three word of last month's Codebreaker was pretty straightforward.

The first 3 words I found were **Newlywed, eventual and sullenly** and once those 3 words were found, it was plain sailing. The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:  
A=8; B=20; C=11; D=1; E=17;  
F=24; G=16; H=23; I=14;  
J=15; K=6; L=18; M=4; N=5;  
O=2; P=13; Q=3; R=22; S=25;  
T=26; U=21; V=7; W=19;  
X=12; Y=10; Z=9.

### Last month's Sudoku Easy 977 solution.

5	4	2	3	7	9	6	8	1
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### Last month's Sudoku Medium 977 solution.

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